

Positive Alternatives 2014 - 15 Quarterly Update

Grantee: CRADLE OF HOPE

Goal: To provide housing assistance and portable cribs to pregnant women and their babies

For the period: Oct 01, 2015 – Dec 31, 2015

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Maintain application approval process; distribute program materials as needed; maintain, train and manage volunteers; train referral agencies; maintain or replace existing Crib-sites		<p>In November, Nancy VanDomelen (out-going Program Director) presented at a Help Us Grow (HUG) conference. She informed them about our agency, outlining its extensive history and shared with them our hopes for expansion.</p> <p>We have begun the evaluation and survey process. We compiled existing data to determine where our greatest need is for growth. This data also helped us determine who would be our sample set for the survey/data gathering that will be done next quarter.</p>	
Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Provide newborns with portable cribs (Pack 'N Plays)	116	<p>We opened up two new cribs sites during this quarter! One of these crib sites is a birthing center serving low-income women in the "Greater Minnesota" area. The other crib site was a newer agency which already utilizing some of our services.</p> <p>As always, we have processes in place to be sure women are provided sleep safety education before the Pack 'N Plays are distributed to them.</p>	132
Housing Assistance	Provide funding for housing assistance	38	Once again, we had a considerable increase in applications for rent this quarter. We are unable to definitively say what caused the increase. However, we have noticed a trend in increased rental amounts from around the Twin Cities. We are pleased that we are able to provide women the opportunity to stay in their homes.	61

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	132
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	

Challenges: At the end of November Cradle of Hope welcomed a new Program Director, Brittany Wiese! Although this is a positive, the transition has taken additional time from those involved to train incoming staff.

Comments: We continue to appreciate and are encouraged by the MN Department of Health's consistent support of our program—*particularly* at this time when we are transitioning with new staff and expanding our agency. Once more, thank you for your patience as we become acclimated and we are eager to carry on the COH torch!